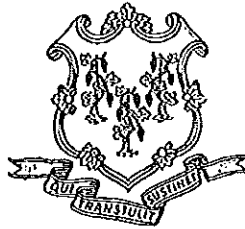


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Testimony to the Government Administration and Elections Committee

SB 669 An Act Concerning Minor Parties and Transparency of Elections

February 22, 2013

Dear Chairman Musto, Chairman Jutila, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of Senate Bill 669 An Act Concerning Minor Parties and Transparency of Elections.

During the 2012 election cycle, numerous problems arose regarding a lack of state requirements to participate with minor parties. The absence of these requirements resulted in lawsuits and much confusion at the local level. There were instances in which candidates were placed on ballots as a result of nominations that may or may not have resulted from a legal procedure. I would like to call for a standard set of policies regarding minor party nominations and bylaws. There are simple and transparent procedure guidelines for the major political parties. The same standard should be set for procedures concerning minor parties.

I ask that the Government Administration and Elections Committee consider reviewing the nomination guidelines and bylaws of the minor parties in the state in order to work toward a more efficient and transparent procedure.

I would be delighted to provide the committee with language, assistance or additional information upon your request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gayle", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Gayle Slossberg